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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF MEETS WITH CODELS REYES AND
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Classified By: Charge Peter Bodde 1.5 (b), (d).

1. (U) Codel Reyes -- Congressman Silvestre Reyes (D-TX); Congressman Rush Holt (D-NJ); and Congressman Darrel Issa (R-CA) -- and Codel Tierney FIGHTING THE TALIBAN AND AQ
2. (S/NF) Answering a question from Congressman Tierney, Musharraf acknowledged that the Taliban were active on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.
3. (S/NF) Musharraf was frustrated by Western and Afghan criticism of Pakistan's efforts on the Afghan border. He reviewed some of the challenges.
4. (C) Musharraf complained that some Western commentators seemed to think that the Taliban were generally Pakistani, or that the core of the Taliban was in Pakistan.
5. (S/NF) Musharraf acknowledged that Taliban militants had sympathizers in Pakistan who were hiding them, providing medical help, and supporting them.
6. (S/NF) According to Musharraf, the Government had been encouraging schisms between foreigners living in FATA and the local population.
7. (S/NF) Musharraf reported that the government was working to create enmity between locals and foreigners in North Waziristan. "I think the government is doing a good job of creating enmity between the two groups."
8. (S/NF) The President noted that the Pakistan Military recently re-deployed two brigades from the Indian border to the Waziristans, including the 15th Infantry Division.
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FATA POLITICAL AGREEMENTS
9. (C) Musharraf admitted the North Waziristan jirga agreement had, so far, been 30-50 percent successful. He said that implementation difficulties remained.
10. (C) On the recently reported Bajaur undertaking, Musharraf stressed that Bajaur elders had approached the government with an offer or "proposal" to join the government.
11. (S/NF) Congressman Tierney asked about the security situation in Quetta. Musharraf explained that, of four important Taliban commanders, three were in Quetta and one was in Bajaur.
12. (C) Musharraf said that there were no "local" Taliban in Balochistan. He said the Taliban there were all Afghan refugees. The refugee situation in Balochistan was a problem.
13. (C) Musharraf reported that his government had already provided USD 100 million for FATA development. He said he was working to strengthen the economy.
14. (C) Musharraf described Pakistan's political future as a tussle between moderates and extremists. He was convinced the "people" -- the Pakistani people -- would choose the moderate path.
15. (C) In responding to a question from Congressman Miller, Musharraf promised that the coming general election would be fair and "totally free and fair."
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factual complaints about the election system. While it was true that both his supporters and detractors were complaining about names being struck from the ballot, Musharraf said the government was working to ensure a fair election.
16. (C) Democracy was more than just elections, said Musharraf. He had introduced true democracy to Pakistan by establishing democratic institutions.
17. (C) He had created an independent election commission and had invited all political parties to nominate commissioners. The opposition had accepted the commission.
18. (C) Musharraf agreed with several members of Congress that Pakistani political parties lacked internal democracy. He said he had tried to reform the parties.
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19. (C) Answering pointed questions about whether he would remove his uniform before the next election, the President responded that he would not.

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